

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0009573 to Wang et al. (hereinafter “Wang”). By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 12 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer. Hence, claims 1-11, 13-18, and 20 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants submit that the claims are not anticipated by Wang.

For example, claim 1 recites: wherein the gateway requests a control device to transmit a neutral user interface selected by the user from the integrated user interface, wherein the control device transmits the selected neutral user interface to the gateway, and wherein the gateway converts the transmitted neutral user interface into a device specific user interface which is suitable for the specific client of the user, as recited by claim 1. Applicants submit that Wang does not teach these features of claim 1 at least for the following reasons.

On page 2 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner refers to paragraphs 113, 169, and 200 of Wang to seemingly assert that Wang’s top level GUI 220 corresponds to the claimed integrated user interface. The Examiner further cites paragraph 287 of Wang as allegedly teaching the claimed converting of the integrated user interface into the specific user interface. This portion of Wang discloses that customized HN directories (e.g., home network top level GUI 1054, Home Network Directory Page) can be accommodated using XSL, or the gateway device 702 may generate different versions.”

As discussed above and in the Response filed July 9, 2008, the cited portion of Wang discloses only a single action of creating a text only version. Wang is silent about any secondary

operation of converting the text only version from any other top-level GUI. Accordingly, Wang fails to teach that an integrated user interface is: 1) generated based on neutral user interfaces of devices residing on a home network and 2) converted into a specific user interface suitable for a specific client of a user. Applicants incorporate herein, by reference, the arguments submitted in the Response filed July 7, 2008.

Furthermore, the cited portion of Wang discloses the generation of text-only versions of customized HN directories (e.g., home network top level GUI 1054, Home Network Directory Page). Assuming *arguendo* that Wang does teach that the text-only version of the top level GUI 220 is converted from a previously generated top level GUI, Wang does not disclose that a user interface for a device selected from the top level GUI 220 is generated and converted into a device specific user interface of a text-only version. Accordingly, Wang does not teach that a control device transmits a selected neutral user interface to the gateway, and that the gateway converts the transmitted neutral user interface into a device specific user interface which is suitable for the specific client of the user, as recited by claim 1. In contrast, Wang merely discloses that a text-only version of the top-level GUI 220 is generated. Wang is silent about providing a text-only version for lower level pages or retrieved pages for a selected device.

Because Wang does not teach all of the features of claim 1, Applicants submit that the claim is not anticipated by Wang. Applicants also submit that claims 2-5 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

Each of independent claims 6, 7, 10, 14, and 17 recite features similar to those discussed above in conjunction with claim 1. Thus, Applicants submit that these claims are patentable at least for reasons analogous to those discussed above regarding claim 1.

Applicants also submit that claims 8-9, 11, 13, 15-16, 18, and 20 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on one of claims 6, 7, 10, 14, and 17.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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